

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 16 are pending in the application. Claims 8-16 are allowed. Claims 1-3 and 5 are rejected. Claims 4, 6 and 7 are objected to. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claims 1 and 4-7 have been amended. Claims 1 and 3-16 remain. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks.

It is asserted in the Action that Claims 1-3 and 5 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Bruckman (Pub. No. 2002/0118700). In response, Applicant notes, in rejecting Claims 1-3 and 5, the Examiner refers to various aspects of Bruckman which the Examiner contends teach various elements of Claim 1. The Examiner also refers to Figure 6 by way of example which the Examiner contends teaches elements of Claim 5. However, although the Examiner has rejected Claims 2 and 3, the Examiner makes no reference to the aspects of Bruckman which teach or suggest the elements of Claims 2 or 3. Further, Bruckman's teachings do not appear to clearly address the limitations set forth in Claims 2 and 3. For example, in paragraph [0034], Bruckman states that the resources with which the dispatcher is concerned typically include bandwidth, as well as processing and encryption power and other capabilities that may be needed by applications that generate data flows from node to node. While Bruckman indicates that priority is taken into consideration, the reference does not appear to utilize lifetime as a component which is considered. Accordingly, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of Claim 2 and cancelled Claim 2. Applicant has also amended Claims 4-7 to depend from currently amended Claim 1 to remove the reference to cancelled Claim 2. Approval is respectfully requested.

It is asserted in the Action that Claims 4 and 6-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has also amended Claims 4, 6 and 7 to depend from currently amended Claim 1 to remove the reference to cancelled Claim 2. Approval is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims pending for examination, namely claims 1 and 3-16 are now in condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

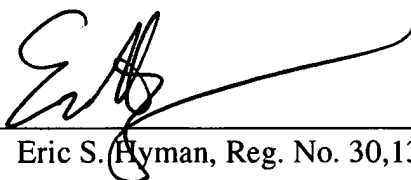
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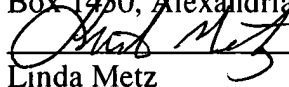


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